Asheville City Council
Planning and Economic Development Committee

2:30 p.m., November 11, 2009
Economic Development Office Conference Room

Minutes

Present: Councilwoman Robin Cape, Chair; Vice-Mayor Jan Davis; Councilman Bill Russell

Staff: Gary Jackson, Sam Powers, Cathy Ball, Ken Putnam, Judy Daniel, Nikki Reid, Stephanie Monson

The Planning and Economic Development Committee met on November 11, 2009, at 29 Haywood Street. Chair Cape called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

1.   Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the September 9, 2009, meeting were approved as written.

2.   Updates

Flood Ordinance

Cathy Ball, Public Works Director, gave the update. Staff will be bringing to Council in January comprehensive stormwater and erosion ordinance revisions. Planning & Zoning discussed these revisions at their October 22, 2009, meeting, and offered their recommendations (see attached).

River District Transportation Study

Ken Putnam, Transportation Director, gave the update. Staff noted that this process is moving forward. A consultant has been selected and they are now in the contract negotiation process.

3.   Unfinished Business

RFP Modeling

Stephanie Monson, Urban Planner II with the Office of Economic Development, led the discussion. Staff presented models developed by RENCI for the City owned land on Haywood Street. Council noted that the models did not appear to further their ability to analyze potentiality at that site, and that staff should continue working under the intent of Council's initial request but terminate attempts to use this modeling system for this purpose.

4.   New Business

<u>Beaucatcher Land Swap</u>

Nikki Reid, Real Estate Manager, presented the proposed terms of the land exchange between the City of Asheville and Zealandia Holdings LLC. The purpose of this exchange is to assemble land necessary for the Beaucatcher Greenway. The Committee unanimously endorsed the exchange.

5.   Presentations and Public Comment

There were no presentations or public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.